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*Annual Report*

# **THORNTON**

*New Hampshire*

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Granted: 1768

Settled: 1770

Incorporated: 1781

Total Area: 32640 Acres

Public Lands: 15038 Acres

Altitude: 555 - 2610

YEAR ENDING

**December 31, 1948**





ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
OFFICERS  
OF THE  
Town of Thornton, N. H.

YEAR ENDING  
December 31, 1948

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## TOWN OFFICERS, 1948

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### SELECTMEN

Clayton S. Ham	No Phone
Richard T. Bradley	N. W. 3968
Kenneth W. Robbins	Campton 58-3

### TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER

Irma Sullivan	Campton 24-24
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### TAX COLLECTOR

Ida M. Horner	Campton 28-13
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### MODERATOR

George Thompson

### OVERSEER OF POOR—HEALTH OFFICER

Ralph Steele	Campton 44-13
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### ROAD AGENTS

Dist No. 1 & 2—John Rivers	Campton 26-14
Dist No. 3—Fred Adams	No Phone

### FIRE WARDENS

Bert Benton	Campton 28-15
Lester Bradley	N. W. 3965
Spencer Ham	No Phone
Carl Broad	Campton 26-4

### POLICE

Ralph Steele	Campton 44-13
Scott Benton	Campton 28-11

### LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Frances Avery, Isabel Ham, Ethel Robinson

### TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Scott Benton, Kenneth Robbins, Glenroy Howland

### SUPERVISORS OF CHECK LIST

Ralph Steele, Fred Adams, Clarence Downing

### SUPERINTENDENT OF CEMETERIES

Scott Benton

People have complained that they could not hear the Moderator, or see the Selectmen during Town Meeting.

A new platform has been constructed at the back of the hall, and the part of the meeting given to appropriations and discussion of Town affairs, can now be conducted in the open hall.





# THE WARRANT

The following two pages contain the Warrant. A Warrant is "a document giving authority to do something." This document gives notice of the Annual Meeting, and it lists the things we propose to do.

In considering the various articles in the Warrant, you will help the Moderator to keep order, by waiting to be recognized before undertaking to make a motion.

The State of New Hampshire:

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF THORNTON, in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED TO MEET at the Town House in said Thornton, on Tuesday the eighth day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, TO ACT UPON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:

1. To choose all necessary Town officers for the ensuing year.

2. To see if the Town will vote to accept the Budget as printed, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

3. To see what discount will be allowed on taxes paid on or before the first day of September.

4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to hire money in anticipation of Taxes.

5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to administer or sell Town property.

6. To see if the Town will vote to build or accept a road to the Pitts cottage, so-called.

7. To see what disposition shall be made of the \$4000 appropriated last year for a bridge in Thornton Gore, and to authorize the Selectmen to borrow additional funds which may be needed to build the bridge.

8. To hear the Report of the War Service Memorial Committee.

9. To determine the best use of TRA allotment this year.



10. To see if the Town will vote to appoint a Committee to investigate the possibilities of owning a portable Fire Fighting Pumper, and authorize the Selectmen to borrow money for the purchase of same.

Given under our hands and seal, this 11th day of February in the year of our Lord, 1949.

CLAYTON S. HAM,  
RICHARD L. BRADLEY,  
KENNETH W. ROBBINS

## NOTES



# The Budget

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A Budget is "a financial statement of estimated income and expenses, and a plan for financing, based upon such a statement."

The next following two pages contain the part of the Budget which determines **what** you propose to provide for carrying on the costs of running the Town for another year.

If you vote on the article in the Warrant "to accept the Budget as printed," you accept the figures which the Selectmen have prepared as the amounts that they estimate are necessary to be raised. Notice that these estimates are compared with the actual costs of the past year, in each case. If you wish to analyse these actual costs to determine whether you think that they are justified, you will find them detailed (in the same order that they appear in the Budget) on Page 22.

If you do not vote to "accept the Budget as printed," each item may be voted upon separately, by making a motion to that effect. But if you propose to increase the Budget estimates, you will likely be raising your tax rate.

## **Purposes of Expenditures**

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	Actual 1948	Estimated 1949
<b>General Government:</b>		
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,187.70	\$ 1,200.00
Town Officers' Expenses	407.69	400.00
Election and Registration Expenses	130.00	75.00
Expenses Town Hall	746.13	
<b>Protection of Persons and Property:</b>		
Police Department	29.80	50.00
Fire Department	148.74	150.00
Moth Extermination— Blister Rust	400.00	400.00
<b>Health:</b>		
Vital Statistics	9.00	10.00
<b>Highways and Bridges:</b>		
Town Maintenance: Summer	1,804.62	2,000.00
Winter	2,289.80	2,000.00
General Expenses	797.62	800.00
Town Road Aid	266.18	266.18
<b>Libraries</b>	62.00	50.00
<b>Public Welfare:</b>		
Town Poor	248.00	250.00
Old Age Assistance	1,271.95	1,400.00
<b>Patriotic Purposes:</b>		
Memorial Day	12.00	15.00
<b>Public Service Enterprises:</b>		
Cemeteries	75.00	75.00
Old Home Week		100.00
Sceva Speare Memorial Hospital		600.00



**Unclassified:**

Lee Funds to trustees	122.12	
Geo. Ward Est.	259.05	
Regional Associations	45.00	45.00

**Highways and Bridges:**

Town Construction	2,113.15	
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**Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:**

County Taxes	1,262.78	1,262.78
School Taxes	9,463.76	9,000.00

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Total Expenditures	\$22,480.57	\$20,148.96
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## **THE BUDGET (Continued)**

The next following page contains the part of the Budget which determines **how** the costs of running the Town are to be provided.

It lists the estimated various revenues which the Town expects to receive from sources other than from taxes raised on your property. The estimates are compared with the actual revenues of the past year.

The difference between these various revenues, and the amount that you vote to be spent this year, will be the amount that must be raised from property taxes.

The "relationship" between the amount found necessary to be raised from property taxes, and the total value of taxable property in Town, constitutes your tax rate. This "relationship" is illustrated in the Assessment Statistics for 1948, to be found on Page 16.

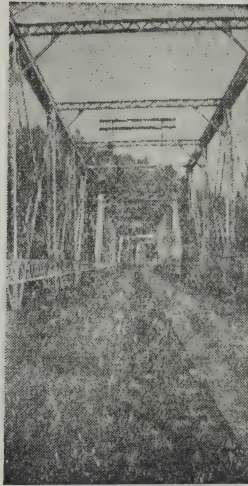


## **Sources of Revenue**

### ***and Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes***

	Actual 1948	Estimated 1949
<b>From State:</b>		
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 196.85	\$ 175.00
Railroad Tax	102.91	100.00
Savings Bank Tax	161.74	125.00
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal	1,295.07	1,200.00
National Forest Reserve	433.52	350.00
<b>From Local Sources Except Taxes:</b>		
Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits	40.00	
Income from Trust Funds	122.12	100.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	817.29	800.00
Sale of Town Property Cemetery Lots	20.00	
<b>From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:</b>		
Poll Taxes - Reg. @ \$2	340.00	330.00
Contribution	200.00	
Refunds	2.97	
<b>Total Revenues From All Sources except Property Taxes</b>	<b>\$3,732.47</b>	<b>\$ 3,180.00</b>
<b>*Amount to be raised by Prop. Taxes</b>		<b>16,968.96</b>
<b>Total Revenues</b>		<b>\$20,148.96</b>

\*Total estimated "Revenues from All sources except Property Taxes" deducted from Total estimated "Expenditures" should give estimated "Amount to be raised by Property Taxes."



\* WEST THORNTON BRIDGE

\* BRIDGE FLOORED WITH TREATED PLANKING AND STEEL PLATES, TEN YEARS AGO, THIS HAS PROVED TO BE A GOOD INVESTMENT.



*There are three kinds of lies :--  
lies, damned lies and statistics.*

*Benjamin Disraeli*



# **Reports & Statistics**

of Divisions of Town Government



## **AUDITORS' REPORT**

Having examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Tax Collector, Treasurer and Town Clerk, and the Road Agents, we find them correctly cast, and properly vouched for the year ending December 31, 1948.

OLIVE BENTON,  
NELLIE ADAMS,  
Auditors.

## Assessment Statistics, 1948

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Land and Buildings	\$434,425.00
Growing Wood and Timber	39,560.00
Electric Power Lines	61,826.00
Portable Mills	1,550.00
Wood, Lumber, Etc.	9,256.00
Gasoline Pumps	1,080.00
Stock in Trade	2,900.00
Machinery	1,000.00
Horses	7,000.00
Cows	14,975.00
Other Neat Stock	2,900.00
Sheep and Goats	270.00
Fowl	400.00
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Total Inventory Valuation	\$577,142.00
Valuation exempt to Soldiers	25,000.00
Taxable Valuation	552,142.00
Tax Rate per M. of Valuation	4.00
Property Taxes committed	22,085.68
Poll Taxes Committed	458.00

## Financial Report, 1948

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### Assets

Cash in hands of Treasurer	\$ 6,210.91
U. S. War Bonds	159.40
Accounts Due to the Town	
Due from State: Bounties	66.00
National Forest Reserve	350.00
Loss of Tax State and Federal Forests	1,200.00
George Ward Estate, in Probate	259.05
Refund, LaBrecque, fire	12.70
Refund, Firewarden Training	8.25
Unredeemed Taxes:	
(from tax sale on account of)	
Levy of 1947	455.70
Levy of 1946	33.70
Previous years	75.31
Uncollected Taxes:	
Levy of 1948	2,946.60
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Total Assets	\$11,777.62

### Liabilities

Accounts Owed by Town	
Bills outstanding	\$ 184.88
Unexpended Balances of	
Special Appropriations:	
Town Hall	198.39
War Service Memorial	800.00
Gore Bridge	4,000.00
Due to State—Special \$3 Poll Taxes:	15.00
Due to School Districts:	
Dog Licenses 1948	139.00
Balance of Appropriation	4,573.07
Forest Reserve	175.00
Trust Funds, Amount of Principal	
Used by Town:	
Dividend Walter Lee Fund for Cemetery	40.00
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Total Liabilities	\$10,125.34
Excess of assets over liabilities (surplus)	1,652.28
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Grand Total	\$11,777.62



## LIST OF APPROPRIATIONS, 1948

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Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,210.00
Town Officers' Expenses	350.00*
Election and Registration	100.00*
Police Dept.	25.00
Fire Dept.	100.00*
Blister Rust Program	400.00
Vital Statistics	10.00
Town Road Aid	266.18
Town Maintenance—Summer	2,000.00
Town Maintenance—Winter	2,000.00*
For Gore Bridge	4,000.00
For Mad River Tarring	1,500.00*
For Mad River Culvert	500.00
For LaBrecque Road	50.00
General Expenses Hwy. Dept.	800.00
Libraries	50.00
Old Age Assistance	1,400.00
Town Poor	100.00*
Memorial Day	10.00*
Additional for War Memorial	300.00
Cemeteries	100.00
Advertising	45.00
County Tax	1,262.78
School Tax	8,449.00
	<hr/> \$25,027.96

\* Indicates overdraft occurred.

Net overdraft of Appropriations      \$    302.57

## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

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Description	Value
Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$ 1,500.00
Furniture and Equipment	50.00
Libraries, Furniture and Equipment	50.00
Fire Department, Equipment	100.00
Highway Department, Equipment	2,000.00
Materials and Supplies	50.00
Schools, Lands and Buildings	4,000.00
Equipment	500.00
All Lands and Buildings acquired through Tax Collector's deeds	
George Ripley, Homestead	900.00
Carrie Royce, lot	50.00
Robert Hazeltine, lot	200.00
Owner Unknown, wood lot	100.00
Mike Nugent, camp	200.00
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Total	\$ 9,700.00

## SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT WITH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Bal. on hand Dec. 31, 1947	\$ 5,224.07
Dog Tax (1947) due	147.00
Appropriation, March, 1948	8,449.00
Forest Reserve Fund, 1948	216.76
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	\$14,036.83
Orders drawn to Dec. 31, 1948	\$ 9,100.00
Dog Tax (1947) Remitted	147.00
Forest Reserve 1948 Remitted	216.78
Bal. on hand for term to June	4,573.07
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	\$14,036.83

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Dec. 31, 1948

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Cash on hand, Dec. 31, 1947	\$ 4,968.55
Received from Selectmen	3,705.88
Received from Town Clerk	956.29

Received from Tax Collector—

1944 Levy	\$ 5.00	
1945 Levy	22.30	
1945 Redemption	16.39	
1946 Levy	6.93	
1946 Redemption	20.35	
1947 Levy	2,307.68	
1948 Levy	19,206.21	
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Total Receipts and Balance	\$31,215.53
Total Payments	25,004.67

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Cash on Hand, Dec. 31, 1948	\$ 6,210.91
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IRMA SULLIVAN,  
Town Treasurer

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## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Dec. 31, 1948

Received for Auto Permits, 1947	\$ 16.94
Received for Auto Permits, 1948	800.35
Received for Dog Licenses	139.00

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Paid Town Treasurer	\$ 956.29
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IRMA SULLIVAN,  
Town Clerk



### EXEMPTION TO SOLDIERS

James Anderson	\$ 800.00
Amos Avery	500.00
Lyman Boyce, Jr.	1,000.00
Horace M. Bickford	1,000.00
Floyd Boyce	100.00
Mary G. Cooper	1,000.00
Peter C. Demers	1,000.00
K. J. Dollahite, Jr.	1,000.00
Howard Downing	1,000.00
Thomas Downing	1,000.00
Nathaniel Hartwell	1,000.00
Kenneth Haynes	200.00
John Hayward	400.00
Joseph Holub	1,000.00
Oscar Inkel	1,000.00
Peter R. Jennings	1,000.00
Frank Karp	1,000.00
Willard Linnell, Etc.	1,000.00
Eric Leonhardt	500.00
Richard H. Oliver	1,000.00
Mrs. Ruth Pitts	1,000.00
Lizafore Romprey	1,000.00
Frank and Roger Steele	2,000.00
Ernest Selby	1,000.00
Charles H. Smith	1,000.00
Herbert D. Ward	1,000.00
Mrs. Carl Westcott	1,000.00
Norton White	500.00

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Total Valuation Exempt	\$25,000.00
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Soldier's exemption applications must be filed with the Selectmen, EACH AND EVERY YEAR, before April 15th.

Exemption blanks will not be sent out THIS YEAR. YOU MUST APPLY FOR SAME TO ONE OF THE SELECTMEN.

No application can be received nor exemption granted, after the local tax rate is approved.

## RECEIPTS AND

### Summary of Receipts

#### From Local Taxes

Property Taxes 1948	\$18,853.63	
Poll Taxes, 1948	340.00	
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		\$19,193.63
Property Taxes previous years		2,116.60
Poll Taxes previous years (Reg.)		120.00
Poll Taxes previous years (Spec.)		15.00
Interest on Taxes		102.89
Tax Sales Redeemed		36.74

#### From State

For Town Road Aid	1,064.70
National Forest Reserve Fund	433.52
Reimbursement Forest Lands	1,295.07
Interest and Dividends Tax	196.85
Railroad Tax	102.91
Savings Bank Tax	161.74
Bounties	66.00

#### From Local Sources, except Taxes

Dog Licenses	139.00
Income from Lee Trust Fund	162.12
Registration Autos, 1947	16.94
Registration Autos, 1948	800.35

#### Receipts Other Than Current Revenue:

Refunds, Hwy. 2.49; Forester .48	2.97
Gifts, George Fadden	200.00
Sale of Town Property, Cemetery lots	20.00

Total Receipts from All Sources	\$26,247.03
Cash on hand January 1, 1948	4,968.55

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Grand Total	31,215.58
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**PAYMENTS****Year Ending Dec. 31, 1948**

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**Detail of Payments****Town Officers' Salaries**

Clayton Ham	\$	200.00
Richard Bradley		150.00
Kenneth Robbins		160.00
Geo. Thompson, Moderator		20.00
Irma Sullivan, Clerk & Treas.		200.00
Irma Sullivan, Commissions		128.70
Ida Horner, Tax Collector		200.00
Vera Hazeltine, Librarian		109.00
Evelyn Benton, Trust Funds		10.00
Nellie Adams, Auditor		5.00
Olive Benton, Auditor		5.00
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	\$	1,187.70

**Town Officers' Expenses**

Assessor's-Town Clerk's Asso.	4.00
Auditor's Expenses	1.50
Auto Guide Schedule	4.50
Envelopes, Postage, Etc.	28.64
Warrant Blanks, Tax Book, etc.	26.48
Record Office, printing	147.20
Anna Proctor, Probates	.40
Fred Shores, Transfers	14.73
Bert Pulsifer, Bonds	33.00
Cost of Tax Sales	30.78
K. W. Robbins, phone and auto	37.35
Clayton Ham, Expenses	36.00
Richard Bradley, Expenses	9.50
Tax Collector's Expenses	33.61
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	\$ 407.69

**Election and Registration**

Fred Adams, Checklist	\$	30.00
Clarence Downing, Checklist		40.00
Evelyn Benton, Ballot Clerk		15.00
Medos Fountain, Ballot clerk		15.00
Ida Horner ,Ballot clerk		10.00



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## PAYMENTS (Continued)

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Jeanette Holub, Ballot clerk	5.00	
Frances Steele, Ballot clerk	5.00	
Norton White, Ballot clerk	5.00	
Eva Gray, Ballot clerk	5.00	
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### Town Hall and Other Buildings

Grossman's, lumber	\$ 17.81	
K. W. Robbins	27.80	
John Williams	11.00	
N. H. Electric Co-op.	18.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 74.61

### Police Department

Scott Benton	\$ 4.80	
Ralph Steele	25.00	
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### Fire Department

LaBrecque Place	\$ 50.54	
Warden Training Course	16.50	
Gilbert Lake place	20.00	
Strawberry Knoll Farm	49.30	
Posting Fire Bans	12.40	
	<hr/>	\$ 148.74

### Moth Extermination, Etc.

John H. Foster,		
State Forester	\$ 400.00	400.00

### Bounties

Medos Fountain, bear	\$ 20.00	
K. W. Robbins, 7 hedgehogs	3.50	
Richard Bradley, 20 hedgehogs	10.00	
Clayton Ham	32.00	
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### Vital Statistics

Irma Sullivan		9.00
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## PAYMENTS (Continued)

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### Maintenance Highways & Bridges

John Rivers, Agent	
No. 1 & No. 2	\$ 1,384.12
Fred Adams, Agent	
No. 3 Summer	420.50
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	\$ 1,804.62

### Scott Benton (Dist. No. 2)

Sanding	87.00
Clayton Ham—Snowplowing	1,374.50
John Rivers, snowplowing	638.00
Fred Adams, sanding, etc.	191.30
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	\$ 2,289.80

### General Expenses, Highway Dept.

Sandwich Notch	\$ 300.00
Plank and Culvert	237.94
Surveying	35.00
Cold Patch	20.70
Gravel	84.60
Salt	57.60
Garage	40.78
West Thornton Bridge	18.00
Watering Trough (Downing)	3.00
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	\$ 797.62

### Town Road Aid

(Town's Share) to John Rivers	266.18
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### Libraries

Ethel Shores, librarian '47	\$ 12.00
Frances Avery, Trustee	50.00
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	\$ 62.00

### Public Welfare

Old Age Assistance	1,271.95	\$ 1,271.95
Grafton County Hospital	248.00	248.00

## PAYMENTS (Continued)

### Memorial Day

Scott Benton, flags	12.00	12.00
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### Public Service Enterprises

#### Cemetery —

Scott Benton, Supt.	\$ 75.00	
Repairs to fence	242.10	
Avery's Garage, supplies	1.32	
		\$ 318.42

### Unclassified Payments

Taxes Bought by Town		435.07
Geo. Ward Estate in Probate		259.05
Walter Lee Trust, Div. to Trustees		122.12
White Mt. Region Advt.		45.00

### New Construction—Permanent Improvements

#### Mad River Road: (John Rivers)

State Treasurer, tax	\$ 1,419.25	
State Treasurer, culvert	186.10	
Cedric Burgess, bulldozer	105.00	
John Rivers, truck, labor	363.30	

#### LaBrecque Road:

Bert Benton, fence posts	39.50	
		\$ 2,113.15

#### TRA—Mill Brook Road

Cedric Burgess, bulldozer	\$ 735.00	
W. B. Avery, dynamite, etc.	67.46	
D. E. Ambrose & Son, drilling	152.00	
John Rivers, truck, labor, etc.	825.15	
		\$ 1,779.61
		1,262.73

### County Tax

#### Payments to School District

On Account - Appropriation	\$ 9,100.00	
Dog Tax 1947	147.00	
Forest Reserve, 1948	216.76	
		\$ 9,463.76

Total Payments		\$25,004.67
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## **TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**

### **Summary of Warrant**

**Levy of 1948**

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**Dr.**

#### **Taxes Committed to Collector:**

Property Taxes	\$22,085.68
Poll Taxes	462.00

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Total Warrant	\$22,547.68
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#### **Added Taxes:**

Property Taxes	112.16
Poll Taxes	16.00
Interest Collected	12.58

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Total Debits	\$22,688.42
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#### **Remittances to Treasurer**

Property Taxes	\$18,853.63
Poll Taxes	340.00
Interest Collected	12.58
Discount Allowed	432.01
Abatements	103.60

#### **Uncollected Taxes as per Collector's List**

Property Taxes	2,842.60
Poll Taxes	104.00

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Total Credits	\$22,688.42
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I hereby certify that the above list showing the name and amount due from each delinquent taxpayer, as of December 31, 1948, on account of the tax levy of 1948, is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

**IDA M. HORNER,**

**Tax Collector**

## TOWN ROAD MAINTENANCE

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### Summer

Dist. 1 John Rivers, Agt.	\$ 650.00
Dist. 2 John Rivers, Agt.	734.12
Dist. 3 Fred Adams, Agt.	420.50
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	\$ 1,804.62

### Winter

Dist. 1 John Rivers, Agt.	638.00
Dist. 2 Scott Benton, Agt.	87.00
Dist. 3 Fred Adams, Agt.	191.30
Dist. 2 & 3 Snowplowing, C. Ham	1,373.50
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	\$ 2,289.80

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## GENERAL EXPENSES

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Sandwich Notch Leg. Spec.	\$ 300.00
Plank and Culvert	237.94
Surveying	35.00
Cold Patch	20.70
Gravel	84.60
Salt	57.60
Garage Expenses	40.78
West Thornton Bridge	18.00
Watering Trough	3.00
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	\$ 797.62
Total cost of Town Roads	4,892.04
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Average outlay per mile	326.10

**TOWN ROAD CONSTRUCTION**  
**Mill Brook and Mad River Roads**  
**(John Rivers, Engineer)**

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The TRA job for 1948 was at Mill Brook. A bulldozer was employed, and the whole length of the road was ditched, graded and much of it graveled. Considerable blasting had to be done to widen the road.

The total cost of the job was \$2,045.79, of which the State allotted \$1,064.70. Mr. George Fadden contributed \$200.00.

We paid \$735.00 for bulldozer work, \$219.46 for Dynamite and Drilling, \$84.60 for Gravel and \$48.25 for Fenceposts, Garage, Etc., a total of \$1,087.31. The balance, \$958.48, went for trucking and labor.

We are grateful to George for his cooperation, and the Town is indebted to John Rivers for the personal interest and extra effort which he has put into this job. It is an outstanding accomplishment.

The Town appropriated \$500.00 to replace a large culvert, and \$1,500.00 to tar one mile of the Mad River Road. The culvert was placed with the help of a bulldozer. We paid the State \$1,419.25 for tar, and \$186.10 for cement tile. Bulldozer work cost \$105.00. Most of the cost for grading and sanding for the tarring job, came from the regular Summer maintenance money. Engineers had estimated that the culvert alone, which they classed as a "bridge," might cost the Town \$1,500.00

## ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

Fred S. Adams, District No. 3

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	Summer	Winter
Bert Avery & Truck	\$ 79.10	
Smith Merrill & Truck	85.30	\$ 45.00
Clayton Ham & Tractor	48.00	
Richard Bradley & Team	8.00	
Donald Merrill	46.20	21.00
Frank Avery, Repairs	17.10	
Fred Adams & Team	172.20	26.10
Nelson Brown	43.05	
Spencer Ham	11.20	
W. B. Avery, Supplies	1.95	
Eliza Haynes, Gravel	7.00	.60
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	\$ 519.10	\$ 92.70

\$611.80 Total drawn from Town

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## WHITE PINE BLISTER RUST CONTROL

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### Statement

1025 Acres were covered, and 7650 currant and gooseberry bushes were destroyed. Total expenditures were \$971.83 of which the Town provided \$399.52 as required.



## SUPERINTENDENT OF CEMETERIES REPORT

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### Maintenance

Mowing - Pine Grove Cemetery	
Scott Benton	\$ 75.00
Work in Mad River Cemetery	
Roy Sawyer	51.40*
* This amount paid from the dividends, Walter Lee Trust.	

### Improvements

Repairing and Painting Fence	
Pine Grove Cemetery	
Scott Benton and Truck	\$ 36.90
Archie White	16.00
Emery Tobyne	54.00
Bert Benton	20.00
Scott Benton, Jr.	11.00
Paint and Oil	98.20
Avery's Garage	1.32
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	\$ 243.42

Lumber was contributed by Mr. Joe Yeaton. We appreciate his kindness.

## LIBRARY TRUSTEE'S REPORT

January 18, 1949

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### Receipts

Cash on Hand, January 27, 1948	\$	.88
May Received from Selectmen		50.00
Nov. Interest from Lee Trust Fund		61.06
Dec. Library Dues		1.67

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Total Receipts	\$	113.61
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### Payments

Books from H. R. Huntting	\$	62.69
Magazines		24.58
Ayers Insurance Agency		15.00
Supplies from Record Office		11.34

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Total Payments	\$	113.61
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Books Circulated	1038
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Bookmobile	340
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Magazines circulated	239
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Books Purchased	37
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Books - gift (Mr. Dame)	8
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VERA HAZELTINE,  
Librarian

# Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Thornton, N. H., on December 31, 1948.

Date of Creation	PURPOSE OF CREATION Care of Cemetery Lots	How Invested		Amount of Principal	Rate of Int.	Balance of Income 1st of Year	Income During Year	Expended during Year	Balance of Income End of Year
Jan. 12, 1929	Leonard Durgin by Dora James	Plymouth	Savings	\$100.00	2% interest	16.95	2.36	3.00	16.31
Jan. 12, 1929	Albert Barnard by Clara Merrill	"	"	100.00		12.54	2.28	5.00	9.32
Jan. 12, 1929	Houston and Carleton by Wm. Houston	"	"	150.00		43.56	3.86	7.00	40.42
Jan. 12, 1929	John Colby by Emma Smith	"	"	50.00		5.80	1.10	5.00	1.90
Apr. 1, 1936	Dana Fadden, Sr. by James Fadden	"	"	100.00		6.30	2.16	3.00	5.46
Apr. 1, 1936	E. C. Burleigh by Abbie Burleigh	"	"	50.00		2.02	1.05	1.59	1.57
Apr. 1, 1936	A. C. & Daniel Moulton by Lena Moulton	"	"	200.00		20.35	4.45	10.00	14.80
May 26, 1936	John Burleigh by Abbie Burleigh	"	"	100.00		6.01	2.14	3.00	5.15
Oct. 13, 1936	Mason & Smith by Frances Smith	"	"	75.00		2.91	1.56	3.00	1.47
Jan. 31, 1940	Daniel James by Melvina Gilman	"	"	50.00		.82	1.01	1.00	.83
May 24, 1940	Romanzo & John Johnson by Romanzo Johnson	"	"	100.00		2.02	2.08	4.00	.10
Feb. 27, 1941	Harry & Will Emmons by Geo Morrill and Frances Emmons	"	"	200.00	2% interest	7.14	4.20	6.00	5.34
Nov. 3, 1941	John Elkins & John Richards by Susan Elkins	"	"	100.00		2.33	2.08	3.00	1.41
Jan. 30, 1943	Warren Moulton by Annie Moulton	"	"	50.00		4.84	1.08		5.92
June 16, 1943	Charles and Jonathan Gordon By Grace Gordon	"	"	100.00		8.60	2.16	3.00	7.76
July 11, 1944	Campbell and Bowles by Mrs. Bertha Bowles	"	"	100.00		2.74	2.04		4.78
Mar. 12, 1946	Alfred M. Dame by Alfred M. Dame	"	"	100.00		2.61	2.06	2.00	2.67
Oct. 10, 1944		"	"						

TRUST FUNDS (Continued)

Oct. 11, 1945	Mad River Cemetery Fund by Walter I. Lee	U. S. Saving Bond Series G	2000.00	2½ %	40.19	60.87	91.40	9.66
Oct. 11, 1945	West Thornton Library Fund by Walter I. Lee	" "	2000.00	2½ %	.19	60.87	61.06	
Nov. 6, 1946	Margaret Smith Fund by Margaret Smith	Plymouth Guar Savings Bank	500.00	2 %		10.45	8.00	21.24
Oct. 5, 1948	Edward J. Canfield Fund by Edward J. Canfield	U. S. Saving Bond Series G	200.00	2½ %	18.79			
		TOTALS	6425.00		206.71	169.86	119.96	156.61

SCOTT A. BENTON  
KENNETH W. ROBBINS } Trustees.  
GLENROY M. HOWLAND }



# Births Registered in the Town of Thornton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1948

Date of Birth	Name of Child (If any)	Sex, Cond		Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Color of Parents	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
		Male	Female							
Feb 15	Carol Ann	F	L	2 W Ernest M Solby	Florence M Blain	W Thornton	W Thornton	Beater tester	Lincoln	Dorchester
Apr 10	Infant	F	L	1 W Archie C White	Iona N Foster	W Thornton	W Thornton	Carpenter	W Thornton	Wentworth
May 23	Arnold Eugene	M	L	1 W Eugene M Superchi	Irene May Downing	W Thornton	W Thornton	Laborer	Lincoln	Thornton
July 19	May Gertrude	F	L	2 W Lisifore C Romprey	Arlene Joyce Evens	W Thornton	W Thornton	Mill worker	Plymouth	Bristol
Aug 19	Evelyn Frances	F	L	1 W Raymond A Holbrook	Phyllis E Benton	W Thornton	W Thornton	Beater tester	Vermont	Thornton
Aug 27	Linda Ann	F	L	1 W Howard H Murphy	Aurelia Ann Rodgers	W Thornton	W Thornton	Truck driver	Berlin	Campton

*Pontow*

Marriages Registered in the Town of Woodstock, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1948

Date—1948	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time of Marriage	Age in years	Color of each	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of Each	Name of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Occupation of Parents	Name residence and Official Station of person by whom married
Apr 3	Thornton	Russell M Gilman Ardelle E Benton	Thornton Thornton	20 8	W W	Mechanic At home	Thornton Campton	Edwin Gilman Edith Russell Scott Benton	Woodstock Boston Mass Thornton	Woods boss Housewife Farming	1 Robert C Sharp 1 Clergyman 1 Woodstock
July 10	Belmont	Richard Crowley Joan Nancy Holub	Ashland Thornton	33 3	W W	Plumber's helper At home	Plymouth Boston Mass	Evelyn Merrill Carl E Crowley Grace E Dawson Joseph Holub	Thornton Ashland Plymouth Russia	Housewife Postmaster Housewife Electrician	1 Freder Fitzpatrick 1 Clergyman 1 Belmont
Aug 1	Thornton	Robert W Van Camp Janet Leslie Smith	New Berlin Thornton	30 21	W W	Student Student	Farmington Mina Laconia	John F Van Camp Mabel Wood H Leslie Smith	Irquels Ont Sandusky N Y Sandusky N Y	Deceased Teacher Mining engineer	1 W Franklin Judge 1 Clergyman 1 Thornton
Aug 28	Campton	Theodore J Inkell Jr Margaret L Nott	Thornton Plymouth	8 14	W W	Truck driver Mill work	Littleton Brooklyn N Y	Beatrice Johnson Theodore Inkell Mabel Stearns Jarroll Nott	Quincy Mass Canada Littleton New York	Housewife Truck driver Deceased Housewife	1 Herbert C Taylor 1 Clergyman 1 Campton
Nov 27	Woodstock	Rene Rheault May E Hanson	Thornton Thornton	14 11	W W	Millwork At home	Lawrence Mass Norwood Mass	Margaret Slafky Alphonse Rheault Eva Marie Morel Theodore G Hanson Ida M Mitten	Peekskill N Y Lawrence Mass Lowell Mass No Woodstock Lowell Mass	Deceased Machinist Housewife shovel operator Housewife	1 Robert C Sharp 1 Clergyman 1 Woodstock

# Deaths Registered in the Town of Thornton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1948

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Age		Place of Birth	Sex and Cond		Occupation	Place of Birth		Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
			Years	Months		Male	Female		Father	Mother		
Apr 11	Littleton	Infant	14 hours		Littleton	F	W	Housewife	Thornton		Archie White	Iona N Foster
May 4	Thornton	Edith Eliza Merrill	68	6/26	Ellsworth	F	W	M	Not known	Sweden	Benjamin Downing	Matilda Magnuson
May 4	Thornton	John Burkhalter	47	2/10	Lawrence	M	W	M	Not known	Ireland	John Burkhalter	Margaret Sheridan
July 6	Woodsville	George Avery	86	9/23	Thornton	M	W	W	Ellsworth	Thornton	George Avery	Ellen Lyford
July 15	Thornton	Roy C Tracy	39	1/27	Amity Me	M	W	M	Lincoln Me	New Brunswick	Liberty Tracy	Eulalia Carr
Sept 9	Holderness	Philip C Grey	34	0/9	Bartlett	M	W	M	Lunenburg Vt	Albany N Y	Walter A Grey	Hattie Mason





# School Report



THORNTON ONCE HAD  
THIRTEEN SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Payments** to the School District represent the largest single appropriation in the Town Budget.

It is important to attend the School District Meeting - as well as the Town Meeting.

## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Thornton qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said district on the eighth day of March, 1949, at two o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agents of the District.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this Warrant.
8. To see if the District will vote to make any alteration in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public schools and the payment of the statutory obligations of the District, as determined by the School Board in its annual report.
9. To see if the District will authorize the school board to study the feasibility of the Thornton School District becoming a member of a cooperative school district, request the State Board of Education to assist in the preparation of a plan for the proposed cooperative school district and prepare a complete report to the School District for presentation at either a special meeting called in accordance with N. H. Revised Laws, Chap. 139, or at the next annual District meeting.

10. To see if the District will raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$150.00 to be used by the School Board in the preparation of the report so voted in Article 9.

11. To see if the District will authorize the school board to enter into a contract with Plymouth for payment of \$165. per pupil of high school tuition for year 1949 and 1950.

12. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands at said Thornton this tenth day of February, 1949.

EVA S. GREY,  
FLORENCE STEELE,  
NELLIE M. ADAMS,

School Board of Thornton, N. H.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

EVA S. GREY,  
FLORENCE STEELE,  
NELLIE M. ADAMS,

School Board of Thornton, N. H.

## **OFFICERS OF THORNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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### **School Board**

**Eva S. Grey, Chairman**

**Nellie Adams**

**Florence Steele**

### **Treasurer and Clerk**

**Irma Sullivan**

### **Auditor**

**Frances Avery**

### **Superintendent of Schools**

**Arthur S. Rollins**



## SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT

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1947

Received from Selectmen, Appropriation	\$ 3,400.00
Refund on check	7.89
Received from Rumney School District for books	1.40
Received from Campton School District	4.10
Received from State Treasurer	5,420.19
Received from Selectmen, Forest Reserve for 1945	317.75
Received from Selectmen, 1946 Dog Licenses	159.00
1948	
Received from Selectmen, Appropriation	2,600.00
Received from Selectmen, 1947 Dog Licenses	147.00
Received from Selectmen, Forest Reserve	216.76

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Total Receipts	\$12,274.09
Cash on hand June 30, 1947	259.76

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Total Payments	\$12,533.85
Cash on hand, June 30, 1948	\$ 155.75

IRMA SULLIVAN,  
District Treasurer, Thornton

**FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE  
THORNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
For the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 1947  
and Ending June 30, 1948

**Receipts**

**Federal Aid**

National Forest Reserve	
1947, \$317.75	
1948 216.76	\$ 534.51

**State Aid**

Equalization and (or) General Aid	5,420.19
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**Local Taxation (Money Actually received)**

Support of schools, tuition, salaries, debt and interest and other statutory obligations	5,886.00
Balance of previous appropriations	114.00

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,954.70</b>
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**From Sources Other than Taxation**

Dog licenses, 1947, \$159; 1948, \$147	\$ 306.00
Sale of property	5.50
Other receipts	7.89

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 319.39</b>
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Total receipts from all sources	12,274.09
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Cash on hand (School Account & Special Accounts) at beginning of year, July 1, 1947	259.76
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<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$12,533.85</b>
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**Auditor's Certificate**

This is to certify that we have examined the books and other financial records of the school board of Thornton of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1948, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

July 14, 1948	FRANCES AVERY, Auditor
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## Payments

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### Administration

	General Expenses	High School	Elementary School
Salaries of district officers	\$ 200.00		
Superintendent's excess salary	181.40		
Tax for state wide supervision	158.00		
Expenses of administration:			
Clerical assistants	41.32		
Supplies and expenses	103.13		

### Instruction

Principals' and Teachers' salaries		\$ 5,445.00	
Text books		207.91	
Scholars' supplies		83.64	
Other expenses of instruction:			
Supplies (& flags), other expenses		50.60	

### Operation of School Plant

Janitors' salaries		236.00	
Fuel or heat		303.75	
Water, light, janitors' supplies		77.46	
Repairs and replacements		284.07	

### Auxiliary Activities

Health supervision:			
Salaries		220.00	
Supplies and expenses		.94	
Transportation			
Contract services		1,584.15	
Tuition-Elem. and Secondary	\$ 2,791.35	162.00	
Other activities		32.77	

### Fixed Charges:

Insurance	40.00		
State retirement and other	166.61		

**Capital Outlay**

New equipment	8.00		
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	\$ 898.46	\$ 2,791.35	\$ 8,688.29
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Total payments for all purposes			\$12,378.10
Total cash on hand at end of year			
(June 30, 1948) (School Account			
and Special Accounts)			155.75
			<hr/>
Grand Total			\$12,533.85

**BALANCE SHEET****June 30, 1948**

	<b>Assets</b>	
Cash on hand		\$ 155.75
Accounts due district, from town		1,924.07
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Total assets		\$ 2,079.82
Grand Total		\$ 2,079.82
	<b>Liabilities</b>	
Surplus (Excess of Assets over Liabilities)		\$ 2,079.82
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Grand Total		\$ 2,079.82

**Certificate**

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. The accounts are kept in accordance with Section 24 of Chapter 82 of the Revised Laws of New Hampshire 1942, and upon forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission.

ARTHUR S. ROLLINS,  
Superintendent

FLORENCE STEELE,  
EVA S. GREY, School Board

July 12, 1948.

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

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### Administration

#### Salaries District Officers:

Irma Sullivan	\$ 40.00	
Florence Steele	80.00	
Eva Grey	40.00	
Nellie Adams	40.00	
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Supt. excess salary 181.40

Truant officer and school census 15.00

Expenses of Administration 129.45

### Instruction

Carolyn Stevens	\$ 1,504.60	
Olive Benton	1,736.20	
Mildred Thompson	1,424.80	
Eva Grey	45.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,710.60

Textbooks 207.91

Scholars' supplies 83.64

Flags 2.73

Other expenses of instruction 47.87

Janitor service 236.00

#### Fuel

Roger Steele	\$ 54.00	
Carolyn Stevens	5.25	
Olive Benton	5.25	
Mildred Thompson	5.25	
Smith Merrill	234.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 303.75

Water, light and janitor supplies 77.46

Minor repairs and expenses 284.07

Medical inspection 220.94



Transportation	
Glenroy Howland	\$ 870.15
Richard Bradley	354.00
Harry Uhlman	360.00
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	\$ 1,584.15
High School Tuition	2,791.35
Elementary Tuition	162.00
Other Special Activities	32.77
Insurance	40.00
Fixed Charges	166.61
New Equipment	8.00
Per Capita Tax	158.00
Withholding Tax	590.40
Teachers' Retirement	144.00
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	\$12,378.10
Cash on hand, July 1, 1948	155.75
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Grand Total	\$12,533.85

# SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1949-1950

## School District of Thornton

### Detailed Statement of Expenditures

#### Administration

	High School	Elementary Schools
Salaries of district officers		\$ 200.00
Superintendent's salary, (local share)		200.00
Tax for state wide supervision		184.00
Salaries of other administrative personnel		40.00

#### Instruction

Salaries of teachers and principals	6,000.00
Books and other instructional aids	175.00
Scholars' supplies	300.00
Other instructional expenses	75.00

#### Operation of School Plant

Salaries of janitors	342.00
Fuel or heat	310.00
Water, light, supplies and expenses	125.00

#### Maintenance of School Plant

Repairs and replacements	225.00
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#### Auxiliary Activities

Health Supervision	220.00
Transportation	2,185.00
Tuition	2,745.00 152.00
Special activities and special funds	135.00

#### Fixed Charges

Retirement	220.00
Insurance, Treasurer's Bonds and expenses	50.00

#### Capital Outlay

New equipment	150.00
Total Amount Required to Meet School Board's Budgets	\$14,033.00

### Estimated Income of District

State Aid (December 1949 Allotment)	\$ 6,504.00
Dog Tax (Estimate)	100.00
Deduct Total Estimated Income (Not Raised by Taxation)	<u>\$ 6,604.00</u>
Assessment Required to Balance School Board's Budget	<u>7,429.00</u>
Total Assessment Required to Cover Budget and Appropriations	\$14,033.00

EVA S. GREY,  
FLORENCE STEELE,  
NELLIE ADAMS,

Thornton, N. H.  
February 1, 1949

School Board

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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To the Thornton School Board:

My sixth annual report is herewith submitted for your consideration. The topics discussed are the ones about which you as well as the public in general may wish specific information.

We were all disappointed that Miss Carolyn T. Stevens was unable to resume full teaching duties at the opening of this school year. Because of her illness, Mrs. Harriette G. Hartwell was employed as substitute teacher for an indefinite period. Recent information from the Teachers' Retirement Board is that Miss Stevens has applied for retirement from Thornton. It is with regret that we record the termination of services by one who personified those qualities of loyalty, thoroughness, and interest in each individual pupil which characterize great teaching.

For the first time since my connection with the schools of Thornton our children are receiving the benefit of regular music instruction under a specially trained teacher. Stephen E. Childs of Rumney now directs the work in music in six of the seven towns in Supervisory Union No. 48 on a full time basis. Few, if any, of our children will ever realize any financial benefit from their music instruction but every one of them will find their lives enriched through its influence. In future years they will be grateful to the school board and town which gave them this new opportunity.

School transportation is a problem that will always be with us and regardless of what limits are established there will be extensions of service that we should like to grant. Since a legal limit of two miles has been placed on the distance pupils may be required to walk to school that is the shortest distance most school districts have furnished transportation. A distance of two miles may be reasonable and proper on some types of road and quite open to question on a road carrying heavy traffic. It is to be hoped that provision can be made in the budget for transportation

less than two miles at school board discretion and where such transportation would not lead to the establishment of new routes.

Arrangements were completed to serve hot lunches at each school from January 3rd through the month of March. Federal assistance, payments by children, and school money are the sources of support for the program. A great deal of donated foods from government agencies is available merely by our paying delivery charges. General experience over the whole country shows that better health conditions and improved school work are two of the direct results of a lunch program.

Thornton is one of several towns which may well give consideration to possible membership in a co-operative school district for high school purposes. All towns in this vicinity might profit from a pooling of resources but the plan should be investigated most thoroughly by those towns that do not maintain their own high school. By the time this report is printed, Thornton people will have been given an opportunity to get information and to hear discussions that will help them make their final decision.

Proper recognition of good teaching service ought to lead to two methods of salary increases based on professional improvement and on teaching experience in our schools. At the present time our salaries are only the minimum allowed and are entirely out of line with those we should have to pay if any of our teachers were replaced by recent and inexperienced graduates from teacher training institutions. My recommendations to the School Board will carry a specific plan for giving proper recognition.

The work of our teachers is efficient and loyal; and the progress of pupils is good; the support and attitude of parents are helpful; interest and constructive thinking by school board members is commendable. For all these encouragements and helps your superintendent is very grateful.

Respectfully submitted,  
ARTHUR S. ROLLINS,  
Superintendent of Schools



### 1949-1950 Thornton School Calendar

Term Begins	Term Ends	No. Wks.	No. Days
September 6, 1949	December 22, 1949	16	72
January 3, 1950	February 18, 1950	7	35
February 28, 1950	April 22, 1950	8	40
May 2, 1950	June 17, 1950	7	34
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### Teachers in Thornton Schools 1948-1949

	Grades
West Thornton—Mrs. Mildred E. Thompson	1-8
Center—Mrs. Harriette G. Hartwell	1-8
(Substitute for Carolyn T. Stevens)	
Mad River—Mrs. Olive Benton	1-8
Music, all schools—Stephen E. Childs	

### Roll of Perfect Attendance 1947-1948

Leslie S. Downing

### 1948 Graduates From Thornton Schools

Downing, Eugene Quentin Johnson, Diane  
 Downing, Muriel Alice Merrill, Mary Etta  
 Hanson, Allan Lewis Rodgers, Harold William  
 Uhlman, Jean Mabel

## REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

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To Thornton School Board:

I herewith submit my report as School Nurse from Spetember, 1947 to July, 1948.

Number of children inspected 58

Symptoms of defects found:

Dental	19
Tonsils	8
Glands	4
Vision	2
Underweight	1

These corrections were reported made:

Dental	22
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Eight children attended the Plymouth Dental Clinic for which the Lincoln Red Cross Chapter paid part of the cost.

Two vision corrections were made.

Frequent talks on cleanliness, posture, nutrition, dental care and the value of correction of defects were given and the teachers gave daily health inspections.

Fourteen cases of chicken pox and 18 of whooping cough were reported.

The report of inspection for the Fall of 1948 is as follows:

Number of children inspected 59

Symptoms of defects found:

Dental	15
Tonsils	7
Glands	6
Vision	7
Hearing	5
Underweight	2
Orthopedic	1

The audiometer test was given from the second through the eighth grades. Thirty-five were tested with 5 showing some hearing loss.

The Massachusetts Vision Test was given in all the schools. Five seemed to have some vision trouble and were advised to see their oculists.

One orthopedic case was taken to the clinic at Manchester and follow-up treatment under the direction of the orthopedic nurse is being given in the home.

Hot supplementary lunches are welcomed heartily by the children at the noon hour. As many of the children are away from home all day and carry lunches, this seems a very valuable addition to the program.

I have enjoyed attending various nurses meetings, the State Institute and the Work Shop on Health which was held at Keene Teachers College the first week in September.

The fine cooperation of parents, children, teachers, school board and superintendent is always appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,  
ANNA M. LOVETT, R.N.,  
School Nurse









The Gavel Used to Conduct our  
TOWN MEETING  
Is Made of Wood from an Elm Tree  
Planted by  
MATTHEW THORNTON  
Signer of the Declaration of Independence